

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ (*Secretary to Government*).—ആ ആളെ സംബന്ധിച്ച പല ആക്ഷേപങ്ങളുമുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ടു കൊടുത്തട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി (*Anthikad*).—ആ ആൾ ഏതു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽ പെട്ടതാണ്?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ (*Secretary to Government*).—എക്സൈസ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിലുള്ള ആളാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ (*Ezhuvas North*).—ഈ ആൾക്ക് എക്സൈസ് ഷൻ കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഇപ്പോൾ എക്സൈസ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽനിന്നും ഏഴതി അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ (*Secretary to Government*).—ഇല്ല.

Fragmentation of holdings—Prevention of.

107. Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any action has been taken to prevent fragmentation of holdings in this State; if so, in what direction; when was this evil brought to the notice of the Government first;

(b) whether any attempt has been made to introduce agricultural operations on a co operative basis in this State; if so, in what form or shape; has any propaganda been carried on in any part of the State in this direction; if so, where and when and with what amount of success; who did it;

(c) has any club or association of cultivators been formed in any part of the State? if so, where; what are the rules and bye-laws of such associations or clubs; who formed them and when; are they in active working condition now; has any department of the State any control over them;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the negative, will the Co-operative and Agricultural Departments work concertedly and try to start some model clubs and associations in the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—

(a) It is not known to what extent fragmentation of holdings has proceeded in the State. The evil, if it exists has not so far as is known been pointedly brought to the notice of Government yet; and no action, in consequence, has been taken in the direction pointed out by the member.

(b) Yes. Propaganda by way of advice was done which has not till now borne fruit. The Department and the Co-operative Central Institute.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (Vyttila).—With reference to fragmentation does not the report of the Economic Survey Superintendent pointedly refer to this fact?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).—There are certain general observations there.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (Vyttila).—Has he not suggested some remedies also there?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).—I think so.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (Vyttila).—Why could not our Government introduce a legislation to prevent fragmentation?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).—That is a very large question. With reference to the preventing of this fragmentation I shall cite one instance. It will directly come into conflict with the law of partition of Tarawad properties. So it is not a very easy question.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (Vyttila).—Will the Government go kindly into the matter; as regards adjustments they can be made in partition.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).—May I know for how long this propaganda and advice by these two departments had been conducted?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).—Ever since these two departments have been created.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).—With the experience of the Government of the failure of advice and propaganda has the Government thought of any other method of introducing agricultural operations conducted on a co-operative basis? Have they thought of any other method to bring about this?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Registrar of Co-operative Societies).—There is only one place in India where this consolidation of holdings is a success. It is in the Punjab. There also on

account of popular clamour there was the idea of introducing a piece of legislation which was dropped later on. After careful enquiries Government found that unless there was some voluntary work from non-officials it could not be a success. Without my saying, Hon'ble Members very well know that in India there is no other thing to which a man clings so tenaciously as his ancestral property whatever may be its economic value. People are even prepared to die rather than leave it. That mentality has very adversely acted against any attempt by the department.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—Was any attempt made in this direction here?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*).—An attempt was made in some places. But nobody was prepared to part with one single item of his holding, scattered though they were.

Tax for general purposes—Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality—Collection of.

108. Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur Rural*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the balance left uncollected in tax for general purposes on 1st Chingam 1113 (i. e., last year) in the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality;

(2) was there ever such a balance in the history of that Municipality;

(3) on which months the collections were meagre;

(4) what were the collections under this head in that Municipality in the months of Vrischigam, Dhanu and Makaram in 1111 and 1112;

(5) who was the bill-collector in default in the months in which the collections were meagre;

(6) how does he explain for the bad collection?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—
(1) Rs. 1,214—5—3.

(2) The balance in previous years ranged from nil to Rs. 1,014—4—10.

(3) Thulam, Vrischigam and Dhanu.